

POLISHING APPARATUS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A polishing apparatus for polishing a substrate comprises a turntable having a polishing surface, a substrate holder for holding a substrate and bringing the substrate into contact under pressure with the polishing surface, a dresser including a dresser tool adapted to be brought into contact under a pressure with the polishing surface to dress or condition the polishing surface and a pressure device connected to the dresser for moving the dresser between a raised position where the dresser is spaced away from the polishing surface and a dressing position where the dresser rests on the polishing surface such that the dresser tool is in contact with the polishing surface under a pressure exerted by the weight of the dresser itself, the pressure device including a member for applying an upward force to the dresser to decrease the pressure.